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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
YOSHINOBU SHIRAIWA) : Examiner: M. Wallerson
Application No.: Divisional of Application) : Group Art Unit: 2622
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For: IMAGE OUTPUT CONTROL)
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The Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d), copies of the listed documents that are not enclosed are of record in related Application No. 08/498,876.

The '499, '577, and '880 patents, as well as Japanese Patent Application Laid Open No. 08-214248 and the United Kingdom 2,286,944 A patent were cited in a European Search Report, dated June 9, 2000 (copy enclosed) from a counterpart application. Copies of the references cited in the European Search are enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

CONCLUSION

Due consideration is respectfully requested.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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